

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that from Friday, February 17, 2012 through Monday, February 27, 2012, the Majority Leader be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions.

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Pro Forma—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate adjourn until 12 p.m., on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 and convene for a pro forma session only with no business conducted and that following the pro forma session, Senate adjourn until 11 a.m., on Friday, February 24, 2012 and convene for a pro forma session only with no business conducted and that following the pro forma session, Senate adjourn until 2 p.m., on Monday, February 27, 2012.

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Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the Economic Report of the President dated February 2012 with the Annual Report of the Council of Economic Advisers for 2012; which was referred to the Joint Economic Committee. (PM—41)

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Brodie Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, February 27, 2012, Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Margo Kitsy Brodie, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York; that there be 60 minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote without intervening action or debate on confirmation of the nomination; and that no further motions be in order.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 62 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. EX. 21), Jesse M. Furman, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the previously scheduled vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination, be withdrawn.

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34 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

85 Army nominations in the rank of general.

7 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

6 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Major General John Peabody, United States Army, to be a Member and President of the Mississippi River Commission.

C. Peter Mahurin, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2016.

Mark A. Pekala, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia.

Richard B. Norland, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to Georgia.

Jeffrey D. Levine, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia.

Makila James, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Swaziland.

Carlos Pascual, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Energy Resources).

Erica Lynn Groshen, of New York, to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor, for a term of four years.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—22)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 2:27 p.m., until 12 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1021.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Mark William Lippert, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, and 2,432 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.